

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2009. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments provided above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-15 are currently pending in the Application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1 and 4-14 are allowed.

In the Final Office Action, claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly over U.S. Patent No. 6,568,083 to Taniguchi ("Taniguchi") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,430,813 to Muraguchi ("Muraguchi"). It is respectfully submitted that claim 15 is allowable over Taniguchi in view of Muraguchi for at least the following reasons.

The Office Action has taken a position that "[t]he housing, 12, of Taniguchi is described as being a tube having an upper shell and a bottom cover ..." So, the Final Office Action interprets the shell 12, 20 as including the bottom cover 18. This position is respectfully refuted, however, in the interest of expediting consideration and allowance of the present application, Applicants

have elected to amend claim 15 to more particularly recite the present method.

It is respectfully submitted that the method of claim 15 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Taniguchi in view of Muraguchi. For example, Taniguchi in view of Muraguchi does not teach, disclose or suggest, a method that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "a shell structure mostly enveloping the housing behind the at least one shaving head up to a power plug socket when mounted to the housing, said shell structure consisting of two shell portions having shapes different from each other" as recited in claim 15. Clearly, if the shell of Taniguchi is interpreted to include the bottom cover 18, then the shell of Taniguchi consists of three (3) shell portions, namely portions 12, 20 and 18.

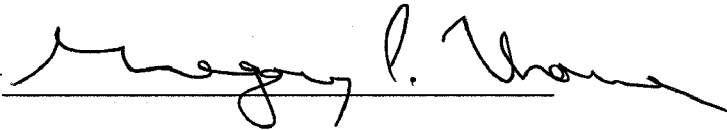
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 15 is patentable over Taniguchi in view of Muraguchi and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the

presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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